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- Construction work on the runway at Zerbst airfield was completed in late August 1951. No aircraft arrived at the field prior to 12 September, but there were indications that it would be occupied soon. The number of troops at the field was increased to a total of 800 to 1,000. At 11 a.m. on 6 September, three swept-back jet fighters took off from the field. the planes tested the runway. * 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM
 - German laborers continued to recondition the barracks buildings. There was a fuel dump of 250 to 300 gasoline drums west of the Zerbst-Deetz road, and south of the spur track from Straguth to Strinum. The dump was guarded by Soviet Air Force sentries. The searchlight station in the northwestern corner of the field was being dismantled. 50X1-HUM
- * Comment. The hardsurface runway at the airfield had been resurfaced with concrete. The two fighter regiments stationed at Zerbst airfield were there-fore transferred to Koethen in early-April 1951. It is believed possible that one or both regiments will be retransferred to Zerbst upon completion of im-provement work, but as both regiments were stationed in Koethen at the time of observation, the reported occupation is considered too high. The large number of troops may indicate that the airfield will be occupied by other units than those previously stationed there.

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